

## AT PEACHAM.

Roy Courson who has been working in the printing office of Ardie Shaw at Norwich has finished his work and returned home.

Fred Allen at Ewell's Hollow has been setting his gasoline engine the past week and will soon be ready to saw.

Miss Mabel Chandler returned to her school at Johnson, Monday.

Lawrence the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Woodward has been quite ill the past week.

Jessie Clara, the 8 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy died Tuesday. The funeral was held Thursday Rev. Mr. Douglas of Danville officiating. The burial was at Peacham.

M. B. Chaffee of Morrisville former principal of Peacham Academy has presented the Academy with 26 volumes of nice books.

The speaking and spelling contest conducted by Harvey Burbank supt. of the "Union" at the town hall Saturday Jan. 8 was attended by a good crowd. The spelling was fine and the speaking excellent. In the first division in spelling Philo Robinson won the prize and in the second division Gladys Bigelow. The prize was a copy of "The Green Mountain Boys." The following program was given: "Noise," Isaac Phillips; "The New Obsession," Francis Schmaling; "The Builders," Ruth McLaughlin; "Hassan and the Angel," Alice F. Blanchard; "A Leak in the Dyke," Muriel F. Somers; "A Prosperous Couple," J. Cephas Guthrie; "Her Thanksgiving Sermon," Gladys E. Bigelow; "The Housekeeper's Soliloquy," W. Elizabeth Kimball; "Ben Hazard's Guest," Orange W. Taylor; "Ballad of Elizabeth Jane," William L. Allen; "Asleep at the Switch," Robert C. Mackey; "A Police Court Scene," Alfred E. Peak; "Jest 'Fore Christmas," Henry Woods; "George Nidiver," Philo S. Robinson; "The School boy and the Orchard," Carlos M. Morse; "Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg," Ernest Bolton; "Seen' Things," Charles Wheeler; "How Deacon Adams Admonished His Son," Henry Bradley; "Whistling in Heaven," Nellie Powers; "A Kid," Jean A. Kinson; "Sued Skinfint's Scheme," Reginald G. Esden; "A Boy's Essay on Girls," Harold D. W. Somers; "Kentucky Belle," Harold R. Halcrow; "His First Piece," Burleigh R. Darling; "Mother's Foot," Muriel J. Darling; "Lost Load of Hay," Archie A. Petrie. The judges on the speaking were Harlan Renfrew, Mrs. Wm. Sanborn, Mrs. Frank Shaw, Miss Addie Williams, Clarence Esden, Mrs. John Varnum and Rev. Fred Williams. The prize winners in the speaking were Harold D. W. Somers first division and Henry Bradley, second division. Those of honorable mention were: First division J. Cephas Guthrie, Muriel Somers, Reginald Esden, Philo Robinson and Jean Kinson. Second division, Harold Halcrow, Alfred Peak, Robert Mackey, Elizabeth Kimball and Nellie Powers.

Fred Allen of Ewell's Hollow is suffering from carbuncles on his neck.

Miss Nellie May Harvey leaves Monday afternoon for Burlington on her way to Washington, D. C., where she will spend several months. She will be accompanied by her cousin Harvey Varnum and wife of Jeffersonville, who are going to Mexico.

Rev. Mr. Lewis presiding elder preached at the Methodist church Sunday evening Jan. 9.

Milo Kinney was at Groton last Wednesday.

Lee Dow of South Cabot was last week helping William Houghton move to Cabot.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swasey of West Danville were at Herbert Blair's Sunday.

Mrs. F. G. Poan and daughter, Beatrice are spending a part of the week at St. Johnsbury.

Rev. F. W. Lewis of St. Johnsbury presided over the fourth quarterly conference Monday Jan. 10 at the Methodist church. There was a small attendance of members and the usual business was transacted.

Special services were held last week at both churches during the week of prayer.

Union services will be held Wednesday Jan. 12 at the Congregational church parlor.

James Stevenson and Herbert Blair returned from their trip Saturday night bringing with them 19 fine cows which they purchased in towns north.

Wm. Trussell who has been on a visit at his father's Jacob Trussell's returned to Montpelier Friday.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. met Saturday with Mrs. Helen Bailey. Dinner was served and officers installed for the coming year.

The annual church dinner will take place at the Congregational church Thursday Jan. 13.

Don't fail to attend the great reduction sale of Clarkson Garments and Furs at the Gillfillan and Chase store, Barret, January 19. These articles will be offered for about one half regular price.

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Church and Parish Meetings of Congregational Church.

Two successful meetings were held Thursday by the Congregational church and parish. There was a large attendance both morning and afternoon despite the inclement weather. Tables were twice set for the excellent oyster dinner which was furnished and served entirely by the men of the parish. The report of both treasurers showed the affairs of church and society to be in satisfactory financial condition. J. E. Tinker was elected clerk, A. H. Webster treasurer, and J. M. Gillis, C. W. Lang and Oram Stevens the prudential committee of the society. After dinner came the meeting and roll call of the church. Many interesting responses were read from absent members, and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. Twenty-one new members were added to the roll the past year, three were dismissed, and one was dropped because not heard from for several years. Mr. Lang was elected to succeed himself as junior deacon, Mr. Webster as clerk, and Oram Stevens as treasurer of the church. Mr. Sturdevant, Mrs. Tinker and Mrs. Ranney were re-elected as pastoral committee. These officers with the pastor constitute the standing committee. In addition to the above, Miss Clara Gillis was re-elected agent for the "Vermont Missionary," and Mrs. Tilton and Mr. Sturdevant agents for "The American Missionary," and "The Missionary Herald."

The Victor Brotherhood meeting will be held Saturday evening in the library. Dr. Pache will give the third in a series of addresses to the boys on mental and physical culture. The meeting will open at 7.30 and close at 9 sharp. All boys and young men above 14 years of age are invited to be present.

The mid-week service, Thursday evening, will have for its subject, "The Works of a Progressive Church."

The annual meeting of the Brotherhood will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. Supper will be served at 6.15. Frank H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury is the principal speaker at the post prandial exercises. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year. The meeting is open to all.

W. N. West, who has been quite seriously ill for the past two weeks, is better and Mrs. West, who has also been ill is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wilson, who have been spending two weeks at E. S. Newell's and with friends in St. Johnsbury, have returned to their home in Troy, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drew of East Cabot visited at E. E. Woodward's last week.

E. E. Woodward was at West Burke Tuesday and Thursday of last week when he took in a class of ten members of Modern Woodmen. The Sheffield Lodge did the work on Tuesday evening and the Lyndonville Lodge on Thursday evening. The banquet was served by the West Burke Camp.

Lois Burbank, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burbank, has been quite ill the past week but is now better.

Mrs. Sarah Tyler was the recipient of a shower of postal cards on her 84th birthday, which occurred Jan. 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce of Lyndon Center visited at E. E. Woodward's recently.

Miss Flora Woodward has been confined to her home by illness the past week.

Miss Clara Gillis visited at George Kingsbury's in Walden over Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Kendall of Laconia, N. H., is visiting at P. H. McDonald's.

The following officers of the Pythian Sisters will be installed Monday evening, Jan. 17, at their regular meeting: M. E. C. Mrs. Sara D. McDonald; E. S. Mrs. Mary Chalmers; E. J. Mrs. Sadie F. Webb; M. of T. Mrs. Florence Greer; M. of R. and C. Mrs. Mittie H. Vance; M. of F. Mrs. Mary P. Gillis; P. of T. Mrs. Alma E. Fisher; G. of T. Mrs. Mary H. Hunt; Past chief, Mrs. Alice E. Dole; Pianist, Mrs. Mary D. Currier; trustee for 18 months, Mrs. Rose Steele.

Miss Harriet S. Whittier has been ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stephen Waterman of Providence, R. I., where she went to spend the holidays. She is gaining now and her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Gladys McDonald visited relatives in Laconia, N. H., last week.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. S. W. Ingalls, Thursday afternoon of this week.

There will be special music with solos at the evening service of the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Miss Grace Bartlett, who has been ill at George Stanton's in North Danville for a couple of weeks is better and expected home this week.

W. O. Stratton has opened a harness and cobbler's shop in Aaron Smith's home.

The Danville high school basketball team will play Peacham Academy team at the town hall here on Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles Willey of South Danville who has been quite sick is better.

Death of Mrs. Z. M. Mansur.

End Came Unexpectedly after Illness of Three Years—Was Prominent in Church and W. R. C.

Mrs. Ellen Louise Mansur, wife of Col. Z. M. Mansur, died at her home in Newport about six o'clock Monday morning after a period of ill health extending over three years. Not until the past few days was her condition considered serious, however. Her entire family were with her when the end came.

Ellen Louise Newhall was married to Z. M. Mansur September 5, 1867, at New Gloucester, Me., and since then has lived at Island Pond and in Newport for the past 13 years. Mrs. Mansur would have been 64 years of age on March 1. She was prominent in W. R. C. circles, having held several offices in the State organization, she was also identified with Eastern Star and the Reading club. She was a very earnest church worker and recently donated a bell to the Methodist Church.

She leaves, besides her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Mabel S. Storrs, a son, Arthur G. Mansur of Burlington, a brother, Albert S., a sister, Sarah P. Newhall of Norway, Me., and two grandchildren, Sally M. and John P. Storrs of Newport. The funeral will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, the Rev. C. D. Lance officiating. The interment will be in the Newport cemetery.

## Bank Meetings.

Annual Election of Directors and Officers in Caledonia County.

Following is a list of the directors and officers of the National banks in Caledonia county yesterday.

Citizens' Savings Bank.

At the annual meeting Tuesday morning the following officers were elected, which are the same as last year's:

Directors—A. L. Bailey, D. R. Denmore of West Burke, Henry M. Stevens of North Craftsbury, Horace W. Bailey of Newbury, Frank W. Silsby of Lyndonville, and Joseph Fairbanks.

The directors elected the following officers:

President, A. L. Bailey  
Vice Pres., D. R. Denmore.  
Treasurer, John A. Ritchie.  
Ass't Treas., Gilbert E. Woods.  
Bookkeepers: Harry M. Nelson, Wilbur J. Farr, Roy N. Howard, Stenographer, Donald MacGregor.

First National Bank.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank yesterday afternoon the old board of directors was re-elected:

The directors are A. H. McLeod, Charles H. Stevens, Walter P. Smith, John C. Clark, Henry C. Ide, Frank H. Brooks, W. A. Ricker.

The directors organized by electing the old board of officers as follows:

President, A. H. McLeod.  
Vice Pres., C. H. Stevens.  
Cashier, Homer E. Smith.  
Teller, John F. Puffer.  
Bookkeeper, Miss Josephine M. Woods.  
Clerk, John Farnham.

Merchants' National Bank.

The annual meeting of the stockholders was held yesterday afternoon and the following officers were re-elected:

President, T. Ide, L. K. Quimby, Harry Blodgett, Dr. T. R. Stiles, Alexander Cochran, Edmund M. Taft, George H. Cross, W. I. Powers.

The directors organized by electing these officers:

President, Elmore T. Ide.  
Cashier, Charles W. Kuitert.  
Teller, Frank H. Philburt.  
Bookkeepers, Fred Johnson and M. J. Reed.

Lyndonville National Bank.

At the stockholders meeting yesterday the following directors were re-elected:

T. N. Vail, W. I. Powers, H. E. Folsom, L. B. Harris and G. M. Campbell. They organized by electing the old officers:

President, T. N. Vail.  
Vice President, W. I. Powers.  
Cashier, L. B. Harris.

Caledonia National Bank.

At the annual meeting of the Caledonia National Bank at Danville yesterday afternoon these directors were re-elected:

Peter Wesson, F. B. Stocker, W. A. Ricker, George T. Howard and B. G. Rogers. They organized by re-electing the former officers:

President, Peter Wesson.  
Vice President, F. B. Stocker.  
Cashier, Asa Wesson.

National Bank of Newbury.

At the annual meeting of the National Bank of Newbury yesterday the following officers were elected:

Directors, Frank Deming, John Bailey, Alexander Cochran, E. Bertram Pike, F. E. Kimball, George F. Winch, Nelson Bailey.

The directors organized by electing these officers:

President, Frank Deming.  
Vice President, Alexander Cochran.  
Cashier, Nelson Bailey.

Big Fire in Burlington.

Hotel Burlington and Walker Block Destroyed.—Loss Reaches \$175,000.

About 4.30 o'clock Saturday fire was discovered in the top of Hotel Burlington right in the heart of the city and six hours later the two upper floors of that building were burned to the outer walls, the two lower floors were soaked with tons of water, and the three-story Walker building adjoining the hotel on the south was in ruins with the exception of the walls, the southwest corner room on the second floor and the drug store of W. P. Hall on the corner of St. Paul and Main streets. The burned district will be rebuilt and the insurance adjusters are there today.

At 4.30 the blaze was discovered by the housekeeper who notified R. F. Colamer, the manager, who at once gave the alarm with the result that the fire fighting organization of the city was soon on the scene and help was on the way from Winoski.

The guests and hotel attaches were warned just in time to escape, but only with the clothes on their backs. About 25 week-end guests were registered and most of them lost their personal effects. The house employees were heavy losers. The waitresses fled in their dining room uniforms.

The principal losers are Hotel Burlington, Max L. Powell, manager, \$65,000. Mrs. W. K. Walker, owner of the Walker block, \$70,000.

C. L. Soule & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, \$25,000.

Brunswick billiard parlors, E. A. Isham manager, \$2,000.

Rutland railroad ticket office, \$1,000.

W. P. Hall, druggist, \$10,000.

T. F. Ahern, stationery, \$2,000.

The total losses are estimated at \$175,000 and the insurance at \$118,000.

Accidents were not numerous, but two firemen and two citizens were hurt. John Henderson, who came with the Winoski department, is in a serious condition from falling 25 feet to the ground striking on his chest and head. The others were but slightly injured.

The Swiss Brown Cow.

The St. Johnsbury CALEDONIAN has begun what is probably the unique circulation contest of the state. It offers a Swiss Brown heifer as a prize in a canvassing competition, with the option of \$100 in money. The contest is not so important as the prize, and in relation to the Swiss Brown cow, the CALEDONIAN has this to say:

"The Swiss Brown breed of cattle promise to become the most valuable breed for the average farmer. They are a hardy cattle acclimated to the rigorous climate of Switzerland. They are the equal of the Jersey as butter producers and are as profitable for beef as the short horn. They are worth good money after their milk producing period has passed. They are rare because cattle cannot be imported from Switzerland now. The Swiss Brown in this country must be developed from the cattle already here. Mr. Vail's herd is composed of the best bred and developed cattle of

Switzerland, and are recognized by all experts as the best herd of that breed to be found in this whole country. He tried to get a larger number from that country but was prevented by law."

T. N. Vail has perhaps the finest herd of Swiss Brown cattle in New England, and the type is attracting much attention among dairymen who are willing to make an experiment, or, possibly, who are willing that some one else should make it. It is fortunate for Vermont that a man of Mr. Vail's means and enterprise should have undertaken to breed Swiss Brown cattle, because the trend of things in Vermont is largely toward a dual purpose cow—an animal who pays her way as a producer of butter-fat, whose offspring can be fattened and sold for beef and who, after her usefulness as a dairy animal is over, can herself be turned into beef and the original investment—or very nearly that—can be recovered from the butchers or packers.

The Swiss Brown type is new in Vermont, and dairymen who have passed through the various stages of experiment with Grade Durhams, Guernseys, Ayrshires, Devons, Jerseys, Holsteins, Belted Dutch, etc., may be excused if they prefer to let the other man experiment for a while. But there is one thing that all students of the Vail experiment may remember with profit—every cow in Speedwell barns is scientifically registered and books kept on her performance. The owner knows exactly how much it costs to keep each cow and how much each cow earns. It is not a matter of guesswork but of scientific facts and figures and all investigators of Swiss Brown cattle can see from a cow's milk chart exactly what she is earning.

When it is freely stated that Swiss Brown cattle produce as much milk as Jerseys, and as much beef as Durhams, it becomes clearly the business of the progressive dairyman to look into the matter and see what there is "to it."

The Herald's opinion is, that in the inevitable coming demand of Vermont cattlemen for a dual purpose cow, it will be well to watch the records of the Swiss Brown cattle at Speedwell Farms, none of whom is allowed to become a boarder instead of a producer.

Meanwhile, every dairyman in Vermont ought to satisfy himself as to whether his cows are paying, costing him money or merely transferring dollars from one pocket to another, with the cost of labor and supervision a total loss.—[Rutland Herald.]

Watermelon Booth For a Summer Fair.

The feature which scored the greatest success at a summer resort fair was a watermelon booth, the bright invention of an artist sojourning at one of the hotels.

The booth was hung with festoons of red and green tissue paper and decorated with pikaninny beads cut from black paper, with features painted in water color.

Big slices of watermelon at 10 cents a slice were served by one of the ladies interested, blacked and bandanned to represent a portly southern mammy. The "watermelon," owing to the warm weather and the novelty of it, took like the proverbial hot cakes.

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## OUR JANUARY SALE

Makes This Store a Center of Wise Economists

This is our Twentieth Annual White Goods Sale.

We have planned for it and some of our wholesalers have stretched a